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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bulles

I understand that you were out of the office and not available to see Mr. Yalman when he arrived pursuant to Jim Barker's letter of recommendation.

Hence Stan Grogan talked to him and prepared the attached Memorandum of his conversation.

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COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INC.  
THE HAROLD PRATT HOUSE 58 EAST 68TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

May 7, 1958

NOTICE OF ROUND TABLE MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend a private, round table meeting for Mr. Ahmed Emin Yalman, distinguished Turkish journalist and editor of the independent, Istanbul daily, VATAN. The meeting will be held here at the Council on Thursday, May 15th, from 5:15 to 6:30 P.M. Dr. John C. Campbell will preside.

Mr. Yalman will discuss recent developments in the Middle East from a Turkish viewpoint. I hope it will be possible for you to attend. Would you please mail the enclosed card if you are able to do so?

Melvin Conant  
Director of Meetings

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*card*  
Mr. James M. Barker

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your nice letter of 5 May and I am enclosing a copy of my talk before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

I had one of my assistants talk to Ahmed Rahn Talmon while he was here and I greatly appreciate your writing to me about him.

It was certainly good hearing from you again.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Enclosure

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Attached as Tab A is Stan Grogan's  
interview with Ahmed Emin Yalman.



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JAMES M. BARKER

May 5th, 1958

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

Just before Margaret and I left Chicago to come up her for a few days, Ahmed Emin Yalman, editor, publisher, and I judge, owner of "Vatan", (Fatherland) the best newspaper of Istanbul, came to see us at our apartment, as we have known him for many years, and think highly of him. He is one of the few Turks that seem to be in strong enough positions to get by with criticisms of some of the actions of the present regime.

I am writing to you because I am inclined to think a talk with him by you or some of your seniors might elicit information, not only of Turkey, but of other parts of the Middle East that might be interesting and perhaps useful.

When he left Chicago, he planned to be in Washington this week. He can be reached through the press attache of the Turkish Embassy, who will know of his plans and whereabouts.

I have read the reports of your recent public address with great interest. Perhaps your secretary may have a copy of the release for me. I should appreciate it. I shall be back in Chicago before the end of this week.

With sincere regards,



8 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Ahmed Emin Yalman, Turkish editor, had one thought he said he is trying to impress upon State Department, and which he wanted you to know:

"There is an impasse between the United States and Turkey. We have reached a roadblock. The impasse needs American help to break it. Our economy is in a bad way. You (America) tell us to straighten it out on our own. We cannot do it alone. We need America to help. Some uncommitted nations get much help. We are committed and we need help. No Turk fears a Russian. We are all for America. The U.S. Military aid missions have done good work. Especially General Arnold. It costs much money to keep up our military. The American ambassadors have in recent times been men who are about to retire and they take little interest in getting the fiscal situation over to the State Department."

3. He said he hoped you would understand how serious is the need for U.S. help and that Turkey can't solve its problems alone as the U.S. says she must.

4. He said his book "Turkey in My Time," which the University of Oklahoma published, is now in its second printing. It is the story of Attaturk.

5. I told him how sorry you were to be on a high level conference when he arrived and provided him transportation to Connecticut Avenue and H Street for his next appointment.

6. He saw, he said, Loy Henderson, Messrs. Brewster, Matthews and others yesterday and has a tight schedule for today.

7. He came to the U.S. with the International Press convention held in Washington last month and the group toured the U.S. under the guidance of Paul Block, Jr. of the TOLEDO BLADE. He is staying at the Fairfax Hotel.

8. He will leave Washington tomorrow (Friday, May 9) for New York and thence fly to Europe enroute to Turkey.

cc: DDCI

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